

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF
POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

<p>Madin v. Sales Complaint Dismissed by Letter</p> <p><i>Corrected and Renumbered to</i></p> <p>Madin v. Sales No. COPP-2010-CFP-29</p>	<p>NOTICE OF REOPENING OF COMPLAINT</p> <p>NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DISMISSAL LETTER DATED APRIL 23, 2013</p>
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The caption in this Matter is renumbered as shown above. The caption is renumbered to reflect the proper year of the alleged complaint violation and the sequence of filing. The complaint in this Matter was filed by Kent Madin of Bozeman, Montana on January 14, 2013 and accepted by Commissioner Murry and noticed to Mr. Sales on January 28, 2013. The complaint concerns election activity related to Mr. Sales' 2010 campaign for the Gallatin County Commission. Mr. Sales is now an elected member of the Montana state senate. Mr. Sales will hereafter be referred to as Senator Sales.

Commissioner Murry dismissed the complaint in this Matter in a one page letter dated April 23, 2013 declaring he found "no evidence of coordination." Since April 23, 2013 the Commissioner's Office has completed investigations in 5 comparable matters and issued 5 Decisions: *Bonogofsky*

v. Kennedy, COPP 2010-CFP-015; *Washburn v. Murray*, COPP 2010-CFP-019; *Ward v. Miller*, COPP 2010-CFP-021; *Bonogofsky v. Boniek*, COPP-2010-CFP-027; and *Clark v. Bannan*, COPP 2010-CFP-023. These Decisions determined actions and evidence related to coordination and corporate contribution issues that were not considered in the April 23, 2013 letter dismissing this Matter. Accordingly, the April 23, 2013 letter is withdrawn in its entirety because the Commissioner will now reconsider and determine the issues, with particular attention paid to the examination of coordination and corporate contribution issues, as detailed in the above 5 Decisions.

Mr. Kent Madin, the person who filed the January 14, 2013 complaint, was contacted and agrees that his complaint should be reopened for the further consideration, investigation, and Decision as this Commissioner will now carry out. By this Notice Senator Sales and the public are informed that, pursuant to the Madin complaint, as well as pursuant to the Commissioner's continuing investigative authority under §13-37-111(2)(a) MCA and 44.10.307(3) ARM, the Commissioner will now consider in this Matter the coordination/corporate contribution allegations and issues addressed by or inherent in the 5 Decisions listed above.

With the above described focus in mind, a copy of the Western Tradition Partnership/Direct Mail ledger for 2010 Candidate Sales is attached to this Notice. That document, at a minimum, introduces the 8 candidate letters that constitute a substantial part of the sufficiency findings in the 5 Decisions listed above. Senator Sales is invited to review the ledger and respond. After

investigation and consideration of the issues involved in this Matter the
Commissioner will issue a new Decision that replaces the April 23, 2013 letter.

DATED this 24th day of January, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Motl'.

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MASTER CANDIDATE FOLDER:

- ☒ Signature
- ☒ Letterhead
- ☒ Corner card (#10)
- ☒ #9

PRINTED:

- ☒ Letterhead Blue # #5,000 (to start)
- ☐ Letterhead Red # _____
- ☒ Corner card (#10) Blue 5,000
- ☐ Corner card (#10) Red _____
- ☒ #9 # 920

Primary Mail Budget		Tier 1 Voters			
		House Ct.	PerPiece	House \$	COPY TO CAND
Intro Letter with Survey		5154 PP 9576	0.5	\$4,788.00	
Wife Letter		7310	0.65	\$4,751.50	
Issue-ID'd voters (R,T,L,G)		8411	0.45	\$3,784.95	
GUN		1913			
LIFE		1793			
TAX		1678			
TAX/RTW		3027			
Final		9576	0.45	\$4,309.20	
Totals				\$17,633.65	

Absentee Chase	T1 Abs vtrs=	6626			
	doing?	to whom?	House Ct.	PerPiece	House \$
Intro				0.5	\$-
Wife				0.65	\$-
Postcard				0.38	\$-
Total Abs:					\$-

TOTAL	\$17,633.65	Deposit:	\$8,816.83
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11,000 Surveys - Done Bm
10,800 Intro Letter - Done Bm